

CLARKE et al
Appl. No. 09/529,342
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In response to the Examiner's requirement for species election set forth in paragraph 5 of the Action, Applicants elect "enzyme". Claims readable on the elected species include claims 42, 55 and 56.

In response to the Examiner's requirement for species election set forth in paragraph 6 of the Action, Applicants elect "change in pH". Claims readable on the elected species include claims 42 and 64-66.

The foregoing elections are made with traverse and the Examiner is requested to reconsider the requirements for election as no lack of unity is believed to exist and, respectfully, the Examiner has not properly supported any assertion to the contrary. Should the Examiner maintain his position, he is requested to provide such support so that Applicants will be properly positioned to respond.

Respectfully submitted,

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